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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN MILITARY AID BILL

1. JULY 3 WIRELESS FILE CARRIES REPORT WITH JULY 2 WASHINGTON
DATE OF QUOTE PRESIDENT FORD'S SIGNATURE THIS WEEK ON A 6,962
MILLION DOLLAR, TWO-YEAR FOREIGN MILITARY AID BILL. END QUOTE

2. ONLY SPECIFIC MENTION OF ZAIRE IN ARTICLE IS FOLLOWING
PASSAGE QUOTE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEW AFRICA POLICY, AN
AUTHORIZATION OF 75 MILLION DOLLARS, DOWN 10 MILLION FROM
EARLIER PROPOSALS, BROKEN DOWN INTO 27.5 MILLION EACH FOR ZAIRE
AND ZAMBIA, AND 20 MILLION FOR QUOTE OTHER END QUOTE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN COUNTRIES. END QUOTE

3. ARTICLE MAKES NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF CONTEMPLATED FSM CREDITS
FOR ZAIRE BUT DOES CONTAIN FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING
MILITARY SALES. QUOTE THE LEGISLATORS INSISTED ON, AND THE
PRESIDENT FINALLY ACCEPTED, A PROVISION REQUIRING ADVANCE REPORT-
ING TO CONGRESS OF ALL MILITARY SALES OVER 25 MILLION DOLLARS
AND SALES OF MAJOR DEFENSE ITEMS OVER 7 MILLION DOLLARS, WITH
CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO VETO PROPOSED GOVERNMENT BUT NOT
COMMERCIAL SALES. END QUOTE

4. WE ASSUME THAT 27.5 MILLION DOLLARS MENTIONED PARA 2 IS
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CONTEMPLATED AID PROGRAM. IS THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT?

5. DID BILL CONTAIN SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTEMPLATED
FMS CREDIT SALES TO ZAIRE? IF NOT, WILL SUCH CONGRESSIONAL
AUTHORIZATION BE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF RESTRICTIVE FACTORS
REPORTED PARA 3?

6. FINALLY, WE ARE PUZZLED BY STATEMENT PARA 1 REGARDING 2-YEAR
TERM. IS SUCH THE CASE OR IS PERIOD COVERED FY 77 PLUS TRANSIT-
IONAL QUARTER?

7. ALTHOUGH WIRELESS FILE IS NOT DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF EMBASSY,
GOZ OFFICIALS MONITOR VIA. CONSEQUENTLY, WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE
QUESTIONS CONCERNING WIRELESS STORY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS
TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONSIDERED
PERTINENT ASAP.
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